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Philip E. Eggers, et al.

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For: Electrosurgical Generator

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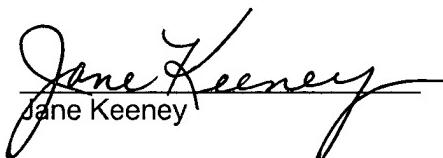
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| Attorney Docket No. | NET 2-040-3 |
| First Inventor | Philip E. Eggers |
| Title | Electrosurgical Generator |
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08/01/03**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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2. Applicant claims small entity status.
 See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 77]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
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 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
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4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 38]
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6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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 - ii. Paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1499 Copies of IDS Citations
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 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)of prior application No.: 09/904,412

Prior application information:

Examiner none assigned to dateArt Unit: 3736For CONTINUATION OF DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.**19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS** Customer Number or Bar Code Label

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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| First Named Inventor | Philip E. Eggers |
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---------------|---------------|------------------------|----------|
| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | | |
| 101 740 | 201 370 | Utility filing fee | 375.00 |
| 106 330 | 206 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 510 | 207 255 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 740 | 208 370 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 160 | 214 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | (\$ 375.00) | |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Total Claims | 64 | -20** = 44 | X 9.00 = 396.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | -3** = 1 | X 42.00 = 42.00 |
| Multiple Dependent | | | |

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description |
|---------------|---------------|--|
| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | |
| 103 18 | 203 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 84 | 202 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 280 | 204 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 109 84 | 209 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 18 | 210 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
| SUBTOTAL (2) | | (\$ 438.00) |

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 105 130 | 205 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 50 | 227 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 130 | 139 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 2,520 | 147 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 112 920* | 112 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 1,840* | 113 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 110 | 215 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 400 | 216 200 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 920 | 217 460 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 1,440 | 218 720 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 1,960 | 228 980 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 320 | 219 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 320 | 220 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 280 | 221 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 1,510 | 138 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 110 | 240 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 1,280 | 241 640 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 1,280 | 242 640 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 460 | 243 230 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 620 | 244 310 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 130 | 122 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 50 | 123 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 126 180 | 126 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 40 | 581 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | 40.00 |
| 146 740 | 246 370 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 740 | 249 370 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 740 | 279 370 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 169 900 | 169 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
| Other fee (specify) | | | |
| *Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid | | SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 40.00) | |

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